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Sirs & Madams,

The notion of making MS provide free Software to schools
is tantamount to giving them cheap advertising to the most
impressionable people and disguising it as a "punishment".

The practises of MS in the past have indicated that its philosophy
is to 'infiltrate' a system and then make it reliable on continuing
MS support and so-called "upgrades". The more deeply one under-
stands the way MS software works, the more one realizes the
insidiousness of their practises. I could site many such things,
but I'll limit it just to the "register" which MS uses to control the
execution of software. A large, unscrutable, and arcane convention which
makes it possible only for MS 'gurus' to understand what is going
on in the computer and which adds nothing but ham-fisted control to
the process of executing a file.

These things coupled with the practise of making software obsolete
and incompatible with the new version (e. g. Office 98) assures MS
of continuing dependence of its customers on software it might
otherwise not need.

My Two Cents Worth, Anyway,

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